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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Maiko Yamada

Application No.: 10/015,688

Art Unit: 2621

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For: IMAGE COMPRESSION/
DECOMPRESSION SYSTEM EMPLOYING
PIXEL THINNING-OUT AND
INTERPOLATION SCHEME

RESPONSE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 6, 2004, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, identified in the Office Action as including claims 1-4, 13-15 and 24-26.

The election is made with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that at least some of the non-elected claims can be examined along with the elected claims without

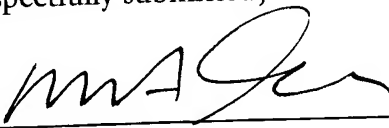
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imposing a "serious burden" on the Office. See M.P.E.P. § 803. Favorable action on all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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